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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: FOUR CIVILIANS KILLED IN CONVOY ATTACK

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT ON JULY 11 A CONVOY ABOUT 65 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF KARIBA ON ITS WAY TO SALISBURY WAS AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLA FORCES. THE CONVOY WAS MADE UP OF 54 VEHICLES AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE NORMAL ARMED ESCORT VEHICLES ALONG WITH A SPOTTER PLANE. FOUR CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, ALL OCCUPANTS OF A TOURIST BUS. SIXTEEN OTHERS WERE WOUNDED. ONE EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT SAID THAT MOST OF THE PERSONS TRAVELING IN THE CONVOY WERE ARMED AND THEY OPENED FIRE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE INCOMING ROUNDS UNTIL ORDERED TO DEPART BY ESCORT TROOPS.

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2. THIS IS THE WORST ATTACK OF THE WAR ON A CONVOY. THERE HAS BEEN ONE OTHER FATALITY IN A CONVOY ATTACK AND IT OCCURRED LESS THAN THREE MONTHS AGO ON THE BIET BRIDGE-SALISBURY ROAD. THE CONVOY SYSTEM WAS STARTED TWO YEARS AGO AFTER TWO SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISTS WERE GUNNED DOWN AT NUANETSI ON THE BIET BRIDGE ROAD. SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO VIRTUALLY ALL ROADS OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE URBAN AREAS.

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